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## POLITICAL PIE

Served in Allopathic Doses to Suit the Taste.

World's Fair Doesn't Interfere with Pursuit of Happiness.

Mayor Harrison Makes a Number of Appointments.

Gossip from the City Council and Aldermen.

A Potpourri of Intelligence About the Movements of Statesmen.

North Town Assessor William T. Ball has shown excellent judgment in choosing for his chief clerks such capable and honest men as Thomas W. Stout and Joseph Richards.

Private Secretary Graham displays an extraordinary amount of patience in the Mayor's office. He has to answer the questions of about 5,000 different persons every day.

At the last Council meeting Ald. Bartine introduced an order that all departments of the City Government except the Police and Fire Departments be closed Saturdays at 12 o'clock noon from May 6 to and including Saturday, Oct. 28. This, the order stated, was to give the employees an opportunity to attend the World's Columbian Exposition. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor has appointed the following named persons clerks of the various police courts: Jacob Mendelssohn, Horace Banyon, E. J. Roelle, Matthew Lowman, John Littledale, and J. C. Schoffen; and the Bailiffs: Nicholas Doherty, Morris Hafenberg, Morgan Murphy, George Abrahams, Louis M. Custy, Patrick Hughes, John F. Shehan, James Ryncarson, Thomas Egan, and Theodore Behrens. The North Division Poundkeeper is A. Tommel, and the West Division Poundkeeper Edward Collins.

Dr. J. F. Todd has been appointed City Physician. He is a competent man.

The Council ordered the purchase of a school site at St. Lawrence avenue and 42d street for \$7,000, for an addition to the Melville W. Fuller School; also a school lot at 89th and Desplaines streets at \$3,750; also the erection of an eighteen-room building, at a cost of \$70,000, at Sholto and Good streets; also to erect a \$60,000 school at Fulton street and California avenue; also a \$45,000 nine-room addition to the Vedder School; also a six-room addition to the Armour School at a cost of \$30,000; also a six-room addition to Washburne School at a cost of \$30,000; also to purchase a \$5,000 lot at Evans avenue and 61st street and to erect a \$40,000 building on the same; also the purchase of a 200x125 school lot adjacent to the Von Humboldt School at \$9,100.

An order was introduced to rent the end of 56th street to ex-Ald. M. J. O'Brien at \$200 a month for dock purposes. Ald. Coughlin fought for it, but the rules were suspended to consider it, but after some remarks from the Mayor the order was referred to the Committee on Wharfing Privileges.

Ald. Ernst sent up a couple of pro-

positions from North Park avenue and Menominee street property-owners protesting against the passage of the ordinance of the North Side Rapid Transit street railroad because the route was not definitely stated. They were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys North. The ordinance protested against is the one introduced by Ald. Tripp a week ago.

Ald. Dorman introduced an amendatory ordinance to the building ordinance which was recently passed, and it was referred to the Committee on Buildings. The amendment has in view the changing of one of the sections of the original ordinance, so that buildings not exceeding twenty feet in height may be placed on vertical posts or piers sunk four feet below the surface of the ground. The foundations under such posts or piers shall be of wood or stone, covering sufficient area to support the weight that may rest upon them safely; the sills to be placed not higher than one foot above the established grade of the street fronting the lot upon which the building is erected.

Hon. Austin J. Doyle has returned from a steamboat trip down the Mississippi River with his family. They are all very much improved in health, and report having had a splendid time.

Ald. Bartine, who has hitherto opposed the measure, introduced at the Council meeting Monday night the old Waukesha Hygeia ordinance, which provides that there shall be granted to the Waukesha Hygeia Mineral Springs Company, its successors and assigns, permission and authority to construct, lay down, maintain, repair, and operate along, upon, and under any and all avenues, streets, alleys, and public places in Chicago a single metal pipe not to exceed twelve inches in diameter, together with all necessary feeders and service pipes in connection therewith, for the conveyance and distribution of mineral or spring water for the public use. This grant is limited by the stipulation that under no circumstances shall any other material than mineral or spring water from the springs of Southern Wisconsin be conveyed through said line of pipes. The company agrees to pay for the privilege at the rate of \$3,000 per annum. The ordinance, after a slight squabble, was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water, of which Ald. O'Neill is Chairman.

Col. Francis T. Colby is strongly talked of for one of the judicial vacancies this fall. He is a good lawyer and would make an exceedingly strong candidate.

Mayor Harrison submitted the following communication in reference to the visit of the officers of the foreign fleet:

To the Honorable the City Council: GENTLEMEN—I have received from Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, commanding the Columbian review fleet, a telegraphic message in the following words:

"Foreign officers of review fleet will visit Chicago, arriving the morning of May 6, via the New York Central and Michigan Central Railways, in a special train given by these roads. By entertaining them as the guests of the city of Chicago during their stay, you will confer a great favor on me and my brother officers and intensify the impression of American generosity and good-fellowship already so favorably inaugurated in the East. They return over the Pennsylvania Railway in a special train given by that company the afternoon of May 8."

I readily concede the exceeding great benefit which would arise from a carrying out by the city of Chicago of the suggestion made by Admiral Gherardi. These officers of the foreign fleet, witnessed the strange act of themselves and armed followers marching in a peaceful foreign country, a spectacle unique in the history of modern times and a victory for international good-fellowship.

It would add largely to the kindness and courtesy extended to these officers if the city of Chicago, the great cosmopolitan city of America, should extend to them the courtesies of the World's Fair city, thereby showing them that good-fellowship was a part and parcel of the whole American people.

The city of Chicago is to-day a cosmopolitan city in which these officers will find their fellow-countrymen become true American citizens. I hope that the Council will extend the hospitalities and the courtesies of the city to these officers. I recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act. Signed: H. Harrison, Mayor.

On motion of Ald. Madden the communication was referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act.

THE EAGLE nominates Col. Edward T. Noonan, the very able Senator from the First District, for Congress. Senator Noonan is one of the best men in the present Legislature, and he would make an ideal Congressman.

There ought to be a general weeding out among the gangrened stiffs of the police department. It is high time that Chicago had a police force in fact as well as in name. There are enough men appropriated for surely, and some of the present officials of the department are better mirth-provokers in their official capacity than minstrel end-men.

Frank Lawler has been in town for several days recuperating. He will leave for Washington soon to resume his fight for the postoffice.

Bill Springer, the Springfield Congressman, was in town Monday, ostensibly to see the World's Fair, but really to have his photograph taken.

Treasurer Seeberger has finally divided the surplus among the contributors to the wigwam. He was in no hurry about it.

Commissioner Toolen is starting out well in the Building Department.

The following appointments have been announced by the Mayor:

Building Department—Deputy Commissioner, Timothy O'Shea, Fifth Ward; Secretary, James McAndrews, Jr., Twelfth Ward; Chief Clerk, William Edgar, Twenty-seventh Ward.

Street Cleaning Bureau—Superintendent West Division, John J. Culbertson, Tenth Ward; Superintendent South Division, Edward J. Condon, Twenty-ninth Ward.

Water Department—Registrar, John R. Lambin, Sixteenth Ward.

Health Department—Registrar of Vital Statistics, Dr. George Leininger, Fourteenth Ward; Chief Immigrant Inspector, Dr. Malcolm Gunn, Second Ward; Fumigator Inspectors, Dr. L. Potter, William F. Kelly, Thomas F. Grady, John Daley, Peter J. Hodman, Michael Prendergast, Fred Rinderer.

Tenement House Inspectors—Women, Mrs. Clara Doolittle, Mrs. Lillie Waller, Mrs. John McCormick, Mrs. Mary Glennon, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor. Men, James McAleenan, John J. Hopkins, Christ Reilly, John O'Keefe, Frank Styx, Wm. Burke, Joseph Weiss, John J. Soden, A. Waldron, Matthew Lillig, Thos. Flood, M. J. O'Brien, Wm. Quirk, Alexander Platzke, Thomas Atkinson, Albert Thomashik, John Moran, John Murray, O. M. F. McCarthy, Henry Spies, Philip Pinter, Michael Clifford, Walter Magnus, Peter Weinand, John W. Totten, Adam Peth, John Urban, Charles Anderson, George Giltzow, Isaac Golden, William H. Woolens.

Special Assessment Department—Clerk, M. J. Dougherty.

Street Department—Foreman Fourteenth District, Mathew Leif; Inspector, William Butler; foreman Sixteenth District, Daniel O'Day.

Superintendent of Street Obstructions—W. E. Lynch.

A DISTINGUISHED French scientist has declared that the electric shock as administered to criminals by the New York law does not kill, but only induces unconsciousness, and that the victim is afterward finished off by the dissecting knife. The statement, if true, is chiefly of interest for scientific purposes, as it has no particular bearing on the murderer's ultimate fate. Perhaps we have in electricity the coming anesthetic. Certainly the unconsciousness which it induces as applied in New York is very profound and permanent.

RECENTLY a famous baseball catcher threw off his mask and took to the stage. The populace listened a moment, and then looked him in the face and congratulated him in the wings. Real histrionic ability cannot, it is plain, be acquired behind the bat. The catcher might put on boxing gloves a few times and see if genius would not relent and show its mark upon his brow.

## CHEAP JOHN SOUP

Served Cold by World's Fair Heelers.

An Army of Notoriety-Seekers Among the Directors.

The number of funny little men who are fussing over their pull in World's Fair matters is remarkable, as is evidenced by scenes at the President's reception.

No wonder the President exclaimed when he met the first boy of dignitaries:

"Am I tick, or have I got 'em?"

"For my soul, 'tis Higginbotham!"

Mr. Higginbotham assured the President that it was indeed he, and that he was still connected with the Adams street dry goods store.

Then an army of inconsequential nobodies were introduced as assistant head ushers to the third assistant usher extraordinary, when suddenly Secretary Gresham sung out:

"Who is this the Turks are totin'?"

On my word, it is Henriot!"

And in truth it was the famous Consul of Belgium, Vice Consul of Turkey, Consular Agent of Bulgaria, etc., who came into view, but the yells of applause were speedily drowned as a new mob arrived, singing:

"Bayfoot, Strawfoot, Here comes Kerfoot!"

The whole reception wound up with applications for offices by Messrs. Perry H. Smith, Jr., and Frank G. Hoynes, both of whom are deserving men, and who did their best to keep back the crowds which would otherwise have overwhelmed the nation's chief.

Seriously, however, the impudence of some of the upstarts connected with the World's Fair is phenomenal.

The Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago were both slighted and treated as if they were not on earth, while distant relatives of the funny little moguls were given prominent place.

An effort was even made to shut the Governor's staff, the city officials, the City Council, and other dignitaries out of the procession, but it failed, and they got in.

"Did not 'em."

To use the words of Higginbotham.

## NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest to Readers of the Eagle.

THE American gun-makers have produced another great gun which is destined to make a noise in the world of heavy ordnance. It is the Brown segmental wire-wound gun. At its first public test a few days ago in Birdsboro, Pa., it showed a capacity to resist pressure which breaks all the records. At the first firing the gauges showed a pressure of 25,200 pounds to the square inch, at the second firing 33,800 pounds, and at the third between 40,000 and 60,000 pounds, the exact pressure not being ascertainable, as there were no means for measuring it. It is sufficient, however, that it successfully withstood a pressure that would have blown any other gun to atoms. In connection with the heavy missiles now in use and the application of dynamite to high-power guns the new process of construction must prove of the highest importance.

THE plan for a canal between St. Paul and Duluth to cost \$20,000,000 is absurd, unless a syndicate and construction company intend to steal the most of the money to be raised for that purpose. A four-track railway between the two points could carry as much grain and flour in a day as a moderate-sized canal could carry in any month. In addition to this the canal would be frozen up five months of six months in the year. If it should be open during more than half of the year it would end in a frozen harbor at Duluth. Railroad trains can run every month in the year. It may be added that the course of commerce from the

farther Northwest to the eastward is by way of Chicago, not by way of Lake Superior and connecting water lines.

AND now it is said the new tannery trust is not to have things all its own way—that the Chicago packers are going into the business of tanning their hides, instead of disposing of them in their raw state. This will deprive the combination of the monopoly of the sole leather production, and the public will be the gainer by the competition.

ABOUT \$5,000 worth of jewels pertaining to the crown of the late King Kalakaua are missing. It is known that his Majesty did not take them with him when he died, and it is conjectured, with every appearance of probability, that some unregenerate sneak-thief has annexed them.

## CLEAN THEM OUT.

Bummers Have No Place on the Police Force.

Neither Have Trimmers and Men Who Shirk Their Duty.

The Police Department is filled with incompetents, bummers and bullheads, the aroma of whose presence is perceptible to taxpayers all over the city.

The Central Station is loaded down with a gang of song-and-dance artists who could not tell a thief from a hole in the ground unless they fell into it.

Many of them are prize steerers for lunch routes, and some of them have not arrested anything for such a long time that they are afraid to stop a street car for fear of heart disease.

But if this state of affairs exists at the Central Station, it exists to even a greater extent in some of the substations, where lieutenants have been known to take medical advice to find out if they were alive.

The new administration will tackle this subject before long, and the people will welcome the change.

ON the 3d day of October, 1891, the sun rose in unclouded splendor, and as it sailed serenely across the heavens all nature seemed to pulse with joyous life. And yet that day was destined to be marked in the annals of this journal as one of sorrow and despair. From that time the once raven locks of the query editor began to fade, and the lines of premature senility furrowed his brow. On an average 36,437 out of every 100,000 requests for information received at this office since that portentous date have related to the age and birthplace of Baby Ruth Cleveland. In compassion upon the sufferings of the toll-worn query editor we here formally announce that Miss Cleveland was born on Oct. 3, 1891, in New York, and beg her multitudinous admirers to be content.—San Francisco Examiner.

A BOSTON jury has granted a woman whose husband divorced her, that he might marry another woman, \$10,000 damages. The verdict is directed not against the errant husband but the woman who succeeded to the first wife's place, and the cause is given as alienation of the husband's affections. If this verdict stands in law ladies marrying divorced men will be obliged to do so subject to the claims of a sort of chattel mortgage held by the first wife. All of which will complicate matters considerably, but can't be expected to deter a woman who is bent on marriage.

MRS. MAYBRICK, the American woman serving a life sentence in an English prison for poisoning her husband, has attempted suicide and just failed of success. Gail Hamilton and a lot of other hysterical bachelors wrecked all the woman's hopes of pardon by their impertinent memorial addressed to the English Home Secretary demanding her release. Mrs. Maybrick would seem to be a victim of the misplaced zeal of her friends.

A MONTANA priest says that two men nearly backed each other to death about a month ago, and that since then they are not on good terms.

## MAKE THEM PAY.

Theological Robbery Is as Bad as Any Other.

The People Want a Square Deal in This Matter.

The five blocks of residence property bounded by Halsted street, Belden avenue, Fullerton avenue, and Sheffield avenue do not pay one cent of taxes into the public treasury.

One hundred and fifty elegant residences, each one of them bringing in a good rental, do not put up one cent for the maintenance of the public service, and they compete with the rented property of citizens who have to pay heavy taxes.

This property belongs to the McCormick Theological Seminary.

It is all right to exempt that part of it used for seminary purposes from taxation, but by what right are one hundred and fifty rented residences exempted?

Can any one tell?

## FREAKS OF NATURE.

Some Startling Facts from the Political World.

WARD McALLISTER is good enough to make excuses for Chicago. He says it cannot be expected that men who have grown rich by packing pork, making glue, and working in soap-yats should know anything about the usages of good society, but he has strong hopes for Chicago, and is willing to miss a free lunch at any time in order to instruct its people how to frappe their wines and handle their forks, or words to that effect. Ward is the most entertaining little microbe that burrows in the crust of the social pie.

THE new cruiser Detroit proves to be as fleet a vessel as it was anticipated she would be, having made a run of nineteen knots, and showing that if need were she could do even better. She is said to mind her helm readily and to be very steady, all of which is as gratifying to all patriotically interested in the new navy as it is professionally to her designers and builders. How proud of a ship like the Detroit would a man like Decatur have been in the day when the Constitution was the identical Yankee man-of-war!

EX-QUEEN ISABELLA, of Spain, has written to the Pope, petitioning him to canonize Christopher Columbus as a saint of the Holy Catholic Church, her reason being that he was the first man to raise the cross of Christ in America. St. Columbus would, indeed, be a new role for the famous old navigator.

THE deposed Queen of the Hawaiian Islands is likely to join the Mormons, it is said. The prevailing impression that Liliuokalani was unalterably opposed to annexation in any form seems to be a mistaken one, since she is presumably willing to be herself annexed by some one of the saints of Salt Lake.

ONE peculiarity about the University of Chicago is that it is open twelve months in the year, and students may enter Jan. 1, April, July 7 or Oct. 1. Chicago believes in making everything, even to getting an aesthetic education, in a way that's strictly business-like.

AN actress in Paris not liking the facial contour of a rival proceeded to bring it to proper lines by means of a rat-tail file. This did not improve the features operated upon, nor yet restore the entente cordiale, and therefore cannot be commended to general use.

AN exchange remarks that the "jail door yawns," and seems to regard this attitude on the part of the door as highly commendable. Perhaps it is. All depends upon which side of the door the racial is.

LIGHTNING never strikes twice in the same place. It isn't necessary.